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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 15-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, and 15 are amended and claims 8, 14, and 20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 9, and 15 are amended to clarify claims 8, 14, and 20 in independent form. Claim 6 is amended to obviate the Office Action's objection. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 6 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 by removing the word "the," thus mooted the requirement for antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Office Action rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, claims 1, 9, and 15 over Sakaihara et al. (JP PN 02-79090). The Office Action also rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, claims 2, 3, 10, and 16 over Sakaihara and Hecht (U.S. Patent No. 4,751,695), claims 4, 11, and 17 over Sakaihara and Banitt (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,247), claims 5, 12, and 18 over Sakaihara and Bricklin (U.S. Patent No. 5,680,152), claim 6 over Sakaihara and Caine (U.S. Patent No. 5,361,078), claims 7, 13, and 19 over Sakaihara and Forcier (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,257) and claims 8, 14, and 20 over Sakaihara and McNelley (U.S. Patent No. 5,438,357). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the reference or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine the reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art references, when combined, must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure (MPEP 2142). The prior art must suggest the desirability of the claimed invention (MPEP 2143.01).

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Applicants assert there is no motivation to combine Sakaihara and McNelley to recite the features taught in independent claims 1, 9, and 15. In particular, Sakaihara is directed to electronic stained glass (Title) such as drawing patterns on drawings on window glass and using pictures to change a room interior (Task, solved by the invention section). McNelley is directed to a teleconferencing system (Title, Field, Summary, Description of the Preferred Embodiment, and Claims). There is absolutely no disclosure in Sakaihara of any usefulness of Sakaihara's electronic stained glass in a teleconferencing system, such as that disclosed by McNelley. Furthermore, there is absolutely no disclosure in McNelley of any usefulness of McNelley's teleconferencing system with electronic stained glass. The Office Action does not explain how one reference teaches the usefulness of using it with the other reference. In particular, the Office Action only mentions generic benefits of each reference after making a conclusory statement that the combination of such would be obvious. No motivation has been provided for combining one reference with the other.

Thus, there is no motivation to combine Sakaihara and McNelley to recite the features taught in independent claims 1, 9, and 15.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, and 15 define patentable subject matter. The remaining claims depend from the independent claims and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7, 9-13, and 15-19 are earnestly solicited.

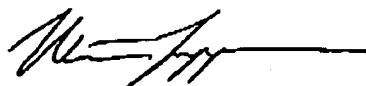
Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the payment of the fee required for a three (3) month extension and any additional fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

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